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		22000 feet on the same radial. The Romanian flight crew reduced his rate of descent as per the Traffic Collision Avoidance system advice on his aircraft.

(c) and (d) In case of the incident of 2.4.1997, the Air Traffic Controller on duty was placed under suspension.

(e) The main steps taken to avoid chances of mid-air collision are : (1) Refresher courses to update professional knowledge of Air Traffic Controllers, (ii) Periodical proficiency checks of Air Traffic Controllers, (iii) Modernisation of Air Traffic Services at Delhi and Mumbai airports, (iv) Proper maintenance of navigation and communication and landing facilities, and (v) Compulsory installation of ACAS on every aircraft flying in Indian skies in a time-bound manner.

[Translation]

Agreement between Air India and Air France

*167. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India and Indian Airlines have signed a preferential commercial agreement with Air France to facilitate an increase in code-sharing between the three airlines;

(b) if so, the precise terms of the agreement and how it is likely to benefit Indian Airlines and Air India; and

(c) how much increase in terms of passenger movement and cargo is expected thereby for AI and IA and corresponding increase in traffic for Air France?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Air India and Indian Airlines have concluded a Co-operative Services Agreement with Air France.

(b) and (c) The Agreement signed by Air India envisages operation of additional 6 frequencies by Air France in a phased manner by Summer-2000, in which Air India will be allowed a block of 40 Y class seats and 4 J class seats at an agreed price. The Agreement also envisaged Air India code-sharing on Air France's flights beyond Paris to other destinations and preferential pro-rates.

The Agreement signed by Indian Airlines enables the two airlines to sell tickets on each other's services, preferential pro-rates and through check-in facilities on each other's services on specified sectors. Air France and Indian Airlines have also agreed to co-operate in publicity and promotion campaigns, training of pilots, ground and cabin crew and aircraft maintenance.

The Agreement will enable Air India to expand their network to interior points in Europe and USA, using Paris as a hub. Instead of operating services with their own aircraft to Zurich and Amsterdam, AI will be able to serve these markets through code-share services with Air France from Winter 1997-98 on a thrice weekly basis. This spread of services will not only cater to the traffic AI was earlier carrying but will also allow for growth. This arrangement will also result in cost-saving due to removal of AI's services to Amsterdam and Zurich with their own aircraft. The code-share on India-France-India sector will enable Air India to augment its carriage on the route without deploying their own aircraft. The agreement will also enable Air India to augment its cargo capacity on India-France-India Sector.

Indian Airlines will also benefit from the facility of selling tickets on Air France Services and co-operation in ticket sale, publicity and promotion campaigns, cargo-operations and frequent flier programmes. The agreement on pro-rates will also financially benefit Air India and Indian Airlines.

[English]

Mock Parliament

168. SHRI B.K. GADHVI :
SHRI VIJAY PATEL :

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Mock Parliament held by his Ministry for the benefit of school children in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether his Ministry has prepared any programme for the furture;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) A statements is attached.

(b) and (c) In addition to the existing schemes of Youth Parliament Competitions for Senior Secondary Schools under the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the New Delhi Municipal Council it is proposed to organise a National Youth Parliament Competition for Navodaya Vidayalayas located in different parts of the country. It is also proposed to organise a National Competition of Youth Parliament among selected Universities from different parts of the country. As a first step in this direction an Orientation Course for participants from 26 Universities was held in New Delhi during 14th-17th July, 1997.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.